

Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Division, Theresa Dellick, Judge
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Juvenile Prevention Program Request for Proposal

The Mahoning County Juvenile Court established in the early 1920s has a long history of service to juveniles and families in Mahoning County. The goals of the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center are to provide for the safe and effective rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents and to protect the community and its citizens from juvenile crime. To accomplish these goals the Mahoning County Juvenile Court under the direction of Judge Theresa Dellick has implemented a rehabilitation philosophy known as Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). This approach allows for innovative and pro-active measures to prevent juveniles from engaging in delinquent and dangerous behaviors.

In accordance with the BARJ philosophy, the Mahoning County Juvenile Court will present sub-grants up to the amount of \$10,000 each from its RECLAIM Ohio Grant to local, non-profit, religious, faith based, scholastic or charitable organizations within Mahoning County who are able to create a Juvenile Prevention Program which provides incentives and ideas to help the Juvenile Court and the community to prevent juveniles from engaging in delinquent behavior. All eligible applicants must submit a proposal **no more than 3-5 pages total including the program budget**. The written proposal will account for 80% of the criteria upon which the grant application will be selected. In addition, those organizations whose proposals are judged to be outstanding in content and form **will be required to form a choir or utilize their organization's existing choir of persons 21 years of age or younger for a performance to be held May 3, 2008 at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown. Each choir will sing their own rendition of "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing (In Perfect Harmony)" as this performance will be reviewed by a panel of judges and their determination will account for 20% of the entrants' total grant score.**

Grant funding issued to the accepted applicants will be limited to personnel costs, supplies and program related activities. The grant funds may **not** be used for capital projects, construction, medical insurance or staff salary increases. Any contracted service or purchases over \$1,000 must be pre-approved by Mahoning County Juvenile Court. The awarded organizations must keep accurate records of how the grant funding is spent and present receipts for such activities to the Juvenile Court at the conclusion of the program.

All grantees must agree to the following requirements prior to their grant submission:

- All applicants must send at least one representative of their organization to a grant workshop sponsored by the Mahoning County Juvenile Court regarding proper grant information and regulations. The workshops will be held January 30, 2008 at 10:00am and 7:00pm and February 25, 2008 at 10:00am and 7:00pm. The workshops will be conducted at the Mahoning County Juvenile Court. Please telephone Richard Vendetti at 330-740-2278 extension 6401 to reserve a seat and obtain directions to the court.
- All applicants must agree to provide all related program information upon request of Judge Theresa Dellick, or her designee.
- The application must be completed in full.
- All choir participants must be prepared and attend a dress rehearsal on the morning of May, 3 2008 prior to the start of the concert.
- All choir participants must dress appropriately for the concert. Performer clothing that is deemed revealing or inappropriate may result in the immediate disqualification of the applicant organization.
- All applicant organizations must agree to criminal background checks for the director of their program and staff affiliated with the prevention program.

The Mahoning County Juvenile Court requests that proposals be submitted to Richard Vendetti **no later than March 3rd 2008**. Only proposals sent by mail or submitted in person will be reviewed (no e-mail or fax). Finalists will be notified by mail with further instructions regarding the final reviews of applicant choirs. Final reviews of applicant choirs will be held during the weeks of March 3, 2008 and March 10, 2008, applicants must contact Marva Wesson-Griffin at 330-740-2278 extension 6450 at the juvenile court to schedule a specific date and time.

Please address the following issues in your proposal:

I. Program Need: Briefly describe the needs your prevention program will address.

II. Program Description: Briefly describe your organization's program and how it intends to meet the needs of the community.

III. Program Goals and Objectives: Identify key objectives your program will fulfill.

IV. Documentation: Describe how your organization will track grant expenditures.

V. Program Budget: Outline estimated costs for the program.

Please attach this form and any applicable attachments to your grant proposal (not to be included in the 3-5 pages total)

Organization Name _____

Address _____

Proposal Name _____

Contact Person Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Tax ID Number _____

Attachments:

Submit the following attachments along with the grant proposal.

- A complete list of names for the organizations choir participants.
- A copy of the IRS federal tax exemption letter.
- A complete list of the program staff names.

Mail the entire grant proposal and attachments to:

Mahoning County Juvenile Court
c/o Rich Vendetti
300 East Scott Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44505

I agree to the above terms and conditions regarding the request for proposal offered by the Mahoning County Juvenile Court. I fully understand that Mahoning County Government, the Juvenile Court or any of its employees or affiliates shall not be held liable for any incidents resulting from negligence due in part or full from the grantees' Juvenile Prevention Program or the participants' participation in the choir concert. I further agree to criminal background checks of all staff involved with the Prevention Program.

Name, Title and Signature of Authorized Applicant

Date